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SUBJ: MEDIA COVERAGE OF JULY 4TH AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL

1. FOLLOWING UPON HEELS OF EXTENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE OF U.S. VISIT BY GOA SPECIAL ENVOY NAIM, AFGHAN PRESS GAVE U.S. BICENTENNIAL ESPECIALLY FULL TREATMENT. ALL NEWSPAPERS CARRIED VERY POSITIVE EDITORIALS, USIS SUPPLIED ARTICLES, AND REPORTED FULLY LOCAL U.S. SPONSORED EVENTS.

A. GOVERNMENT DAILY "JAMHURIAT," JULY 3 IN DARI: "OUR COUNTRY PREPARED THE GROUND FOR FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. FIFTY THREE YEARS AGO AND AFGHAN DELEGATION WAS WARMLY AND SINCERELY RECEIVED BY THE U.S. PRESIDENT. DURING THE PAST 30 YEARS, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS HAVE BEEN FURTHER EXPANDING IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH PEOPLES....THE DISINTERESTED AID BY THE U.S. TO AFGHAN EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY AS WELL AS AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIPS TO AFGHAN YOUTH HAVE BEEN REGARDED WITH GRATITUDE BY THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN AND AEGHAN AUTHORITIES.....THE EXISTING FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND THE U.S. FORM AN IMPORTANT AND CONSPICUOUS ELEMENT IN CONSOLIDATING AND STRENGTHENING DISINTERESTED AND FRIENDLY TIES BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS....WE WISH THE EXISTING FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS BE FURTHER

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STRENGTHENED IN THE LIGHT OF WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY AND BONDS

OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES BE FURTHER CONSOLIDATED."

B. THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE /KABUL TIMES", JULY 4, CARRIED EDITORIAL WITH SUPRISINGLY EFFUSIVE PRAISE FROM A CONTROLLED PRESS IN A NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY: "THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TODAY HAS JOINED HANDS WITH OTHER NATIONS TO MEET MANY CHALLENGES OF THE DAY: CONSOLIDATION AND PRESERVATION OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND TRANQUILITY, PROMOTION OF DEMOCRATIC VALUES, PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, SAVING OF WORLD'S NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES, DEVELOPING NEW SOURCES OF ENERGY, AND BRIDGING THE DEVELOPMENT GAP BETWEEN THE HAVE AND HAVE NOT NATIONS....THE UNITED STATES HAS SOUGHT TO HELP IN DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS OF THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES WITH EQUAL COMMITMENT UNDER MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS. THROUGH THE FAMILY OF THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIALISED AGENCIES THE UNITED STATES HAS CHANNELLED CONSIDERABLE RESOURCES TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND HAS TAKEN PART IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AIMED AT ENHANCING THE CAUSE OF EQUITY AND JUSTICE ON A GLOBAL BASIS WITH SERIOUSNESS. THE UNITED STATES IMMENSE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION CAPACITY IN THE COURSE OF THE YEARS HAS HELPED MANY FOOD SHORT COUNTRIES MEET SHORTCOMINGS. AFGHANISTAN WHICH HAS HAD MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY OF RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES IS AMONG THE NATIONS WHICH HAVE BENEFITED FROM U.S. ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF GRANTS AND CREDITS FOR MANY DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES."

C. GOVERNMENT DAILY "ANIS" IN DARI JULY 3: "....THE U.S. ROLE AS A WORLD POWERN SETTTLING WORLD PROBLEMS AND INSURING WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT. THE U.S. ECONOMY HAS ENABLED IT TO TAKE PART IN RAISING THE STANDARDS OF LIVING OF VARIOUS NATIONS THROUGH ECONOMIC AID. U.S. ECONOMIC AIDTO OTHER NATIONS THIS YEAR COVERS MORE THAN FIVE BILLION DOLLARS....THE FRIENDLY COUNTRY OF THE U.S. SUPPORTS AND RESPECTS AFGHANISTAN'S NON-ALIGNED POLICY AND ACTIVE AND POSITIVE NEUTRALITY AND ITS EFFORTS IN EXPANDING ITS FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL NATIONS AND PEOPLES OF THE WORLD ....THE HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND THE U.S. HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF THEIR GOOD RELATIONS. THESE INCLUDE THE VISIT TO AFGHANISTAN BY U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KUSSINGER AND THE CURRENT VISIT TO THE U.S. BY PRESIDENT DAOUD'S SPECIAL ENVOY MR. MOHAMMAD NAIM..... UNCLASSIFIED

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WE EXPRESS OUR BEST WISHES FOR MORE SUCCESS OF THE AMERICAN' PEOPLE AND HOPE GOOD RELATIONS AND COOPERATION BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS IN THE LIGHT OF WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY, HELPING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THEM GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH."

D. GOVERNMENT DAILY "HEWAD" IN PASHTO, JULY 4, CARRIED AN UNUSUAL PAGE ONE EDITORIAL WITH SUBSTANCE IN SAME VEIN.

2. ALL NEWSPAPERS CARRIED SPECIAL FEATURE ARTICLES ON U.S., MOSTLY SUPPLIED BY USIS, INCLUDING BYLINER BY CHIEF JUSTICE BERGER.

3. RADIO AFGHANISTAN CARRIED ON ITS DOMESTIC SERVICE SPECIAL 15 MIN. PROGRAM ON JULY 4 IN DARI INCLUDING ADDRESS BY U.S. AMBASSADOR EXTRACTS ON U.S. - AFGHAN RELATIONS FROM ABOVE QUOTED EDITORIALS, SOME BACKGROUND COMMENTARY AND DETAILS NAIM VISIT, WITH APPROPRIATE AMERICAN MUSIC. RADIO AFGHANISTAN'S EXTERNAL SERVICE CARRIED SIMILAR PROGRAMS IN ARABIC, GERMAN, URDU, AND ENGLISH, BUT DID NOT CARRY IN RUSSIAN. SAME ALSO CARRIED IN DARI FEED FOR OVERSEAS AFGHAN STUDENTS.

4. ALL NEWSPAPERS CARRIED FRONT PAGE TEXT OF CHIEF OF STATE DAOUD'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD WITH ACCOMPANYING PICTURES OF GEORGE WASHINGTON AND FORD.

5. ALL MEDIA DEVOTED SUBSTANTIAL COVERAGE TO BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES ARRANGED BY AMERICAN EMBASSY AT STATE THEATRE, INCLUDING SHOWING OF FILM "THE EMIGRANTS", AGENCY EXHIBIT "LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS", AND PHOTO EXHIBIT COVERING SPECIAL ENVOY NAIM'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON.  
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